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MORMON BATTALION, 105 STRONG, MARCH

As Told by MARY GOODMAN

One hundred and five strong, the Mormon Battalion left Salt Lake City January 13, 1961, on the first leg of their journey to Washington, D. C. and the Inaugural Parade. Members of the Battalion from nearly every chapter in Utah made the journey.

The first stopping place of consequence was Denver, Colorado. Here, Battalion members hurriedly put on uniforms, formed into line and participated in the big Stockman's Parade. As usual bursts of applause saluted the Battalion along the line of march.

As the buses traveled through Kansas the travelers began to get well acquainted with each other, and the stories, songs, and tall tales that always mark an SUP trek were freely passed around. Kansas was also the site of the Battalion's first visit to a historical site on the trip; Old Abilene, site of the boyhood home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and an Eisenhower Museum. Abilene also held reminders of its days as the end of the old Chisholm Trail and the vast trail herd drives from Texas that ended in her streets.

The buses soon rolled across the wide Missouri river and on to the early sites of Mormon church history at Independence, Missouri and Liberty jail. A beautiful and very large auditorium and church of the Reorganized Church with a huge seating capacity and a magnificent pipe organ is now found at the temple site at Independence.

The sights and life of Kansas City attracted the group next, and then they eagerly journeyed to Nauvoo, Carthage and Springfield, Illinois. Among the places visited in these historic spots were the Mansion House, Joseph Smith home, graves of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Nauvoo temple site, Carthage jail, and the homes of early church leaders. Highlighting the visit to Springfield, where an overnight stop was made at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, was a visit to Lincoln's home, museum, then to Lincoln's grave, where the Battalion under the direction of Col. Fred Reese conducted fitting memorial services. Lt. Col. Elias L. Day, Captain Frank R. Goodman, Earl A. Hansen, John Butterfield and Earl Jones also took



—Photo by Frank Goodman

MORMON BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI RIVER AT OMAHA

leading parts.

The journey from Columbus, Ohio, on to Washington, D. C., along the Pennsylvania turnpike, was a new experience to most. Along the entire trip Virgil Peterson inspired the group with words of wisdom and devotion. Among the many who entertained along the way were Stanley Johnson and Leota Peterson who shared their musical talents with those on the buses, and Elva Reese, John Butterfield, Earl Jones, S. Roy Chipman, Elsie Rasmussen, Frank Goodman, Rose and Marvin Ashton, Emily Jones, Mary Goodman added their many talents to make the trip enjoyable.

On arriving in Washington, D. C., the group was given a police escort directly to the Capitol Building, where they were met by Senator Frank E. Moss and Congressman David S. King and promptly conducted on a tour of the Capitol. In the Hall of Fame, where each state has erected a statue to its most famous man or woman, the Battalion stood among the statues of the nation's great leaders! Utah's representative here is Brigham Young.

Visits to the Smithsonian Institution, White House, Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln's Memorial and other points of interest high-lighted the rest of the day. Of particular interest was the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Friday, January 20th, dawned bright and cold and the Battalion prepared itself for its long awaited appearance in the Inaugural Parade. Despite the cold the Battalion, with its usual ability, became the pride of Utah and proudly represented the state, passing the reviewing

stand, receiving the salute of President Kennedy.

The next stop was Philadelphia and an inspiring visit to Independence Hall, where the nation's fathers spent months creating our Constitution. Betsy Ross' home was also visited, and then on to



Mormon Battalion bugler sounds a salute to the brave Pioneers who died on march to Utah.

IN INAUGURAL PARADE, MAKE TOUR

America's largest city, New York.

New York was full of exciting things to see and somehow the Battalion saw most of them. First was a visit to Radio City Music Hall to see the Rockettes. Even the subway was a new and different experience as it carried the group to the harbor where the ferry was taken to the Statue of Liberty. Nearly everyone climbed to the top of the Lady in the Harbor and thrilled to the view that greeted them. Other interesting spots visited were the L. D. S. Mission home, Central Park, Jack Dempsey's place of business, Broadway and 5th Ave., the United Nations Building, Empire State Building, Yankee Stadium and Harlem.

Next the group journeyed to the Hill Cumorah, the Joseph Smith home, the Sacred Grove, Palmyra, Martin Harris's home and then on to Niagara Falls, crossing the Peace Bridge and Rainbow Bridge and into Canada. The falls were partially frozen and particularly beautiful at night when colored lights were placed on them.

On to the Kirtland temple, now owned by the Reorganized Church and Cleveland, where the group saw new things. Next to South Bend, Indiana and Notre Dame, then to Chicago to see the sights. Crossing Iowa the temperature hovered at zero, but the group was warmed in spirit at the Mormon Bridge at Council Bluffs, Iowa and Winter Quarters. Next was Boys' Town, Nebraska, where about 900 boys live and operate their own city and farm, located on about 1700 acres of land. The boys are required to attend the church of their choice on Sunday, but there is no proselyting. The last night on the trip



THE STATUE OF LIBERTY was an impressive sight to members of the Mormon Battalion during their inaugural trek.

—Photo Courtesy Frank Goodman



SENATOR FRANK E. MOSS presents a fifty-star flag to Col. Fred Reese and members of the Mormon Battalion. The group assembled on the Capitol steps at Washington for the ceremony.

—Photo Courtesy Frank Goodman

was spent at North Platte, Nebraska. The Battalion began its last day's journey Sunday, January 29, 1961 and arrived in

Salt Lake City at 10:30 p.m. The general comment: "A wonderful day, a wonderful trip."

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SUP TREKS FOR 1961

By **ARNOLD R. STANDING**
Treks Chairman

You will agree, I'm sure, that participation in treks to places of historical significance is one of the most enjoyable and instructive activities in the SUP program. A number of our Chapters conduct several treks each season and testify of the interest, pleasure and fellowship they produce. Your national officers urge all chapters to plan several treks each summer. They need not be long trips. Many historical spots can be visited in a day or less.

We are arranging four treks for this summer for the members of all chapters. You are invited to take part in them. They are as follows:

1. **CALIFORNIA TRAIL**—From City of Rocks, near Almo, Idaho, to Wells, Nevada. This is for fathers and sons. We will assemble at the City of Rocks the evening of Thursday, June 22. After a campfire supper there will be a bonfire program where the history of the City of Rocks area and the California trail will be related.

The next day we will follow the trail to the junction of Little Goose and Goose Creeks, where overnight camp will be made in a beautiful place the register rocks. The following day, June 24, the trail will be followed to Wells, Nevada, and we will return home via Wendover that evening. On this trip there will be three or four hikes of from one to three miles over remote sections of the trail for those who wish to make them.

The trip should be made in jeeps, pickups or station wagons. People who know the trail and its history will serve as guides.

2. **DONNER - MORMON PIONEER TRAIL** — From Henefer to Salt Lake City on Saturday, July 15. If you haven't made this trip with those who know the location, interesting points and history of the trail you have missed much. This trek is for the whole family and sedans can be used.

We will assemble near the pioneer monument in Henefer at 9 a.m. After a brief presentation of the history of the trail, we will travel as a caravan to Salt Lake City, with several stops at places of historic interest. There will be a lunch stop on Big Mountain. We should reach "This Is the Place" monument in Salt Lake City by 3 p.m.

3. **THE HUTCHINGS MUSEUM IN LEHI AND CAMP FLOYD IN CEDAR VALLEY** — On Saturday, August 19. This trek will be under the guidance of

John Hutchings of Lehi, who knows the history of this area in detail and who is a master narrator. We will assemble at the Hutchings Museum at 1 p.m. After viewing the museum, and listening to some of Brother Hutchings' stories about some of the collections, we will travel to Camp Floyd where he will relate the history and point out places of special interest.

This trek is also for the whole family. We should be through by 5 p.m.

4. **GROUP TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT ST. GEORGE, UTAH** — Around the first of September. Members from Logan, Brigham and other areas north of Ogden, and the Ogden group, will leave Ogden at a designated time in the morning. Others who wish to do so can join in along the way. Stops will be scheduled at designated time at Fillmore to visit the old State Capitol building and museum; at Cove Fort; at Mountain Meadows. At each stop someone who knows the local history will tell us about it. We will reach St. George in the evening.

After the encampment at St. George, the group will travel through Short Creek to the Pipe Springs National Monument with our hosts from St. George. After a visit at Pipe Springs we will return home via Kanab, Panguitch and Richfield.

Please let your members know now about these treks so plans can be made in advance to participate in them. We will give you the details about each trek two or three weeks in advance of the time that each will be made.

Those who have gone on these treks in the past have learned much and have found them to be most enjoyable. We hope many of you will have this experience during the coming summer.

ARNOLD R. STANDING
Treks Chairman

3505 Eccles Ave., Ogden, Utah.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Was provided through the courtesy of *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C. It shows Mr. and Mrs. Luke Cheney of the Mormon Battalion, prepared to march in the Inaugural Parade. The picture was featured on the front page of *The Post* the day before the Inauguration.

Who Was "Wild Bill" Hickok?

By T. MACK WOOLLEY

"Wild Bill" Hickok was a handsome six-footer who taught frontiersmen how to shoot straight and fast, including "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Wyatt Earp, Bill Tilgham and Bat Masterson. He was born in Troy Grove, LaSalle County, Illinois, in 1837. He had three brothers and two sisters, born of a religious family who believed in abolition.

His older brother, Lorenzo B. Hickok, was a horse-wrangler in the Civil War to an Illinois Cavalry unit and obtained the name of "Wild Bill" while on this job.

The "Wild Bill" Hickok we are writing about was christened James Butler Hickok and came by the name "Wild Bill" when he went to the Kansas frontier in the late 1850's. As Marshal of Hayes City and Abilene, Kansas, he established a record of law and order that few men of the frontier could match. No tough hombre dared cross-fire with him in a gun battle. The only time he ever played cards without sitting with his back against the wall was in Deadwood, S. D., in 1876 when Jack McCall shot him in the back. Though he was thrown into a wild life, he was courteous and kind and had the utmost respect for the ladies.

The love of his life was Mary Logan, an 18-year-old sister of Indian Joe with a goodly amount of white blood in her veins, and a descendant of the great Chief of that name. Jack McCall, who shot James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok in the back was hung in Yankton, S. D., March 1, 1877, the first official hanging in South Dakota.

William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, although nine years younger than "Wild Bill" Hickok, was a very good friend of his and until "Wild Bill's" death, they were friends, although they were competitors in show business at one time or another.



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TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER ELECTS

Reported by QUENTIN H. THOMAS

Temple Fork Chapter of Logan has planned a very fine program for the coming year. This northern Utah Chapter is one of the most active in the Society. Officers for the coming year are:

Immediate past president, Alvin (Al) Larson; president, Quentin H. Thomas; 1st vice president, Dwain Carlson; 2nd vice president, Hubert Ward; secretary and treasurer, Robert Rolfsen; two-year directors, Charles Cazier, J. George Smith, Warren Hansen, William Kendrick; program: chairmen, Charles Cazier, Vern Muir, Leo Andrews, James McMurrin; camping and chow, chairmen, Earl Hansen; Darus Allred, Willis Tingey, Erwin Thomson; membership, chairmen, Claton Raymond; Lawrence Zollinger, Dick Campbell, Leon Alder, Lynn Olsen; sergeants at arms, Jessie P. Rich, Keith Anderson; judge advocate, Wendell B. Anderson; chaplain, Nels L. Sorenson.

A complete outline of their program for the coming year is listed below:

Feb. 16, 1961—National President's evening. Meeting and dinner with partners, to be held at the USU Union building.

March 16, 1961—Open night. Watch for announcements.

April 20, 1961 — Bread and milk supper, with partners.

May 18, 1961 — Meeting and dinner, Glauser's Cafe.

June 15, 1961 — Meeting and dinner, with partners.

July — Temple Fork Chapter encampment, to be held in Logan Canyon (election of officers for 1961-1962).

September 15, 1961 — Meeting and dinner, to be held at Zanavoo Lodge.

October 20, 1961 — Meeting and dinner, to be held at Glauser's Cafe.

November 17, 1961 — Meeting and Steak Fry, to be held at Hyrum City Camp building up Blacksmith Fork River.

December, 1961 — Christmas party, meeting and dinner, with partners, to be held at CSU Union Building.



OFFICERS OF THE TEMPLE FORK CHAPTER OF SUP FOR 1961 are: Seated (L-R), Al Larson, William Kendrick, Charles B. Cazier, J. George Smith, Warren B. Hansen. Standing (L-R), Dwain Carlson, Quentin H. Thomas, Hubert C. Ward and Robert Rolfsen.

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The Massacre at the City of Rocks

(From the History of Box Elder County)
By JAMES H. MILLER

The massacre at the City of Rocks is one of the most cruel on record. It occurred during the summer of 1861. A party of wealthy eastern emigrants, forty in number, were traveling en route to California over the old Oregon Trail. In its possession was a large herd of cattle which the company drove as was the custom in those days, in advance of the wagon train. Herein lies the cause of the massacre. Arriving at a point along the Oregon Trail, somewhere in the vicinity of American Falls, Idaho, the party left the trail in favor of what was known as the southern cutoff. This latter course passed down through a part of Box Elder County, through Nevada, and over the route of the equally ill-fated Donner Party of 1846.

When the company arrived at a point along their line of march adjacent with the present city of Almo, Idaho, they set up their last camp of what is now known as Durfees Creek. Almo is situated to the east of a high bluff. Just back of this bluff is a beautiful cove valley and west of the valley is a high mountain lookout, from which the Indians could view vast sweeps of Idaho country. It is probable that the Indians caught sight of the wagon train several days before it reached Almo or Durfees Creek, now Almo Creek, and had their plans well laid by the time the camp was made.

As the emigrants were camped at Durfee Creek, Chief Pocatello and his band were camped only a half-mile away. At nine o'clock in the morning the emigrants broke camp and strung their cattle and the herders out ahead as was the usual practice. The wagons had barely pulled out of their ill-fated camp when the Indians rushed from a ravine where they had been hiding, cutting the emigrants from their cattle, forcing them back into a corral formation for self-defense. Behind their fortification in the corral the emigrants defended themselves through nights of almost constant fighting. They had no water which might have intensified the suffering immensely. A trench was dug in which the women and children sought safety and this was probably a mistake as evidenced by the torture told by the three members of the party who made good their escape.

The Indians were numerous and had determined leadership. They stayed with
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Let's Keep Grandmother and Grandfather Out of the Second-Hand Store

Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director of the S.U.P. Museums, was guest speaker at the Old Juniper Chapter, Utah State University Charter night, on January 27, 1961, in the Student Union Building. Ira N. Hayward, president of the chapter for the past year, conducted the meeting.

Invocation and grace were offered by Chaplain J. Howard Maughan. A piano solo was played by Judith Green, who also accompanied Julie Stapley with a vocal solo.

Mr. Sorensen in his talk referred to visiting a second-hand store on West Temple in Salt Lake City, where high up on the wall, in a damaged frame with a broken glass, was the portrait of a very fine old Pioneer couple. He asked the storekeeper for it, who replied, "What do you want of that old thing?" "Well, I would like to take it out to the Museum, clean it up and display it out there because they look mighty important to me." Mr. Sorensen accepted the gift and took it to the Museum where he reconditioned it, hung it on the wall and said he would give 25 cents to anyone who would identify them. The next Sunday, Ralph and Hettie Barnes came in and while looking around sighted the picture. Ralph exclaimed, "Where did you get Grandpa and Grandma?" When it was told the picture came out of a second-hand store on West Temple he exclaimed, "Whoever got so careless as to let Grandma and Grandpa get in a second-hand store?"

Thousands of old albums, portraits and relics are carelessly collected by antique and second-hand stores. A desk that was used in the Church Offices for over 100 years was found in the Deseret Industries by the speaker.

Mr. Sorensen proposed that we build a gallery to our Utah Pioneers where the portraits and diaries of our progenitors can be safely stored.

A 50x80-ft. choice location is being reserved as a plot in Pioneer Village where a building for this project can be placed. In it could go the 60,000 pictures and negatives of the C. R. Savage Pioneer photograph collection that is now the property of the Village. Mr. Sorensen called upon the support of every son and daughter of Utah Pioneers to get back of this project.

The following people attended the banquet: Ira N. Hayward, president; Horace A. Sorensen and Mrs. Sorensen; Orson S. Cannon, president; Dorothy K. Cannon, Earl Frederickson, Wanda Hammond, Sterling and Frances Eyler, Mary W. Knowlton, George F. Knowlton, W. P. Thomas, Lucile H. Thomas, David A. Burgayne, Allie P. Burgayne, J. S. Stanford, Pearl Stanford, J. Lynn Mortensen, Cleve Milligan, Helen Milligan, Alvin Bishop, Anna Beth Bishop, Spencer H. Daines, Sarah S. Daines, Duane G. Chadwick, Patricia Chadwick, Lyman and Ada Rich, Lloyd R. Hunsaker, Thelma Hunsaker, Ray Woodbury, Wanda Woodbury, Maye G. Thomas, Quentin Thomas, Jesse P. Rich, W. Loyal Stall, Bryce and Angelyn Wadley, Chester and Mary Zollinger, Clayton and Ireta Raymond, Chester and Rae Myers, J. Howard and Mrs. Maughan.

The report of the nominating committee and election of officers was unanimously sustained for the coming year as follows: President, Orson S. Cannon; 1st Vice President, Jerald E. Christiansen; 2nd Vice President, Leonard J. Arrington, 2-year directors, Ira N. Hayward, George F. Knowlton; hold-over directors, J. Howard Maughan, Reynold K. Watkins; secretary-treasurer, E. Devere Miner; historian, Gene H. Linford; Judge Advocate, Ernest M. Morrison; chaplain, Lyman Rich.

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SUP MORMON BATTALION MEMBERS IN UNIFORM — Shown at Mormon Pioneer Statue at Florence, Nebraska. Many of the ladies also wore pioneer costumes

Charles H. Clifford Donates Evergreen Trees to Village

Brother Charles H. Clifford of Perry, Utah, a member of the Box Elder Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, donated to the SUP Pioneer Village, ten very beautiful evergreen trees. These are planted in the center of the parkway at the Village and certainly add a great deal to the beauty of this part of the Village.

It would certainly be a wonderful thing if we had more men like Bro. Clifford to donate this and other types of things to help beautify our village.

Old Kirtland Note Found

A note collector working in the bookstore next to Lincoln's home at 8th and Jackson St., Springfield Illinois, had a Kirtland Society \$10 Note with the signatures of J. Smith and S. G. Rigdon on it. He has seen only three of these notes in 35 years of collecting old currency and old notes. His paid price was \$50.00.

—Earl A. Hansen, Past President

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PULLMAN TAILORS THANKED FOR OUTFITTING MORMON BATTALION

Col. Fred Reese, who had charge of the SUP Mormon Battalion Trek to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D. C., expressed personal appreciation to *Henry Pullman*, manager and owner of the Pullman Wholesale Tailors, at 130 South West Temple, for the splendid uniform showing of the Battalion members.

Mr. Pullman and his expert staff worked special hours and did research to get authentic costumes, such as the shorter coats of the "Mexican" War, which predated the Civil War.

Mr. Pullman also extended credit to the Battalion members, which made it possible for them to own their own uniforms at the lowest possible costs.

In addition, he extends an invitation to all SUP members to see his large factory and clothes center at 130 South West Temple, and see how clothes and uniforms are made. You can save at Pullman's by purchasing your clothing direct from the factory. Spring fashions and fabrics are now in.

(Adv.)

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You will perhaps remember Will Palmer better as the great historian.

This shop opened on the main street in Cedar City in 1883 and at one time served a territory for

harnesses, bridles, halters, blankets, feed bags, collars, saddles and repairs, as far north as Provo, all of Kane and Washington Counties, and west to Pioche and Caliente, Nevada. The shop is complete in every detail and stocked with everything for the fancy carriage trade, as well as harness for the work horse and bridles and saddles for the cowboy. Brother I. E. Riddle contributed the sewing machine which he had previously acquired for which much credit is also due.

BLOW-UP OF NEW POSTAGE STAMP

Presented to SUP PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM

Horace A. Sorensen, Managing Director, left, receiving memento from David Trevethick, Salt Lake City Postmaster, center, while Rudolph Wendelin, designer from Washington, D. C., right, proudly presents the Commemorative stamp dedicated to Range Conservation, which is the First Day of Issue stamp for Salt Lake City since the '47 Centennial stamp. This, with stamps and covers, will be displayed here for your inspection.



BUILDING CONTRACT LET FOR CRABTREE PHARMACY BUILDING

A 28x60-foot building, with 12-foot ceilings, is now under construction by the L. J. & E. Anderson Contractors, to house the rare collection which has been stored at Pioneer Village for the past two years, but now will be on display, commencing about April 1, when the Museum is again open to the public.



The 1830 Crabtree Pharmacy, formerly at Cairo, Illinois, will be a stellar attraction at the Village. Harry Loynd, President of the Parke, Davis & Company, presented it to the University of Utah, his alma mater, several years ago to be used as a laboratory for medical and pharmaceutical students. They in turn presented it to the Village, where the fixtures, drugs, prescriptions, and so forth, will be on permanent exhibit. This came to us with a \$25,000 price tag, and we are spending \$15,000 to house it, but feel it will be one of our finest acquisitions. Watch for further details.



Ladies of the Mormon Battalion at the nation's Capitol with Col. Fred Reese, Senator Frank Moss and Congressman David S. King.

Old City Hall to Be Moved, Restored at New Location

(Courtesy Deseret News-Telegram)

The state has agreed to accept and care for the historic old Salt Lake City Hall which will be moved to a site near the Capitol and restored.

The famed old hall, now a run-down structure housing city street cleaners at 118 E. 1st South, must be moved to clear space for a multi-million dollar federal building.

Members of the Board of Examiners said the state would accept an offer by the city to donate the building along with a new site at 2nd North and State St.

Funds from the Nicholas G. Morgan Sr. Foundation and other private sources will pay for the cost of moving the City Hall and a "face lifting" to restore it to its old-time glory.

The front of the present structure will be taken down brick-by-brick and rebuilt on the new site.

The rest of the building on 1st South is built of worn adobe and dilapidated materials. This will be demolished on the spot and the remainder of the City Hall will be restored at the new site with new construction materials.

Property on which the building will be restored is 161 by 183 feet and was once the proposed site for the governor's mansion.

Once the City Hall is moved and renovated, it will become the property of the state, which will provide heat and other facilities and will maintain the building.

REMEMBER WHEN

The following are taken from the pages of "The Pioneer," first publication of the Sons of Pioneers, published June, 1936, Vol 1, No. 1:

ANNIVERSARY OF UTAH'S GREAT PIONEER LEADER

One hundred thirty-five years ago on June 1st, in Whittingham, Vermont, Brigham Young was born. At the time of his death of the 29th of August, 1877, as stated in the Salt Lake Tribune of June 1st, 1936: "He was generally recognized as a natural leader who might have been a great general, a masterful diplomat, a sagacious ruler of any nation, a successful business director in any line of effort."

All citizens of the state pay tribute to him not only as a pioneer and builder, but also for the advantages and opportunities which he opened up for all who live in Utah.

The Brigham Young Camp, located in the 18th Ward, Salt Lake City, has adopted a program which not only honors the Pioneers in general but the great Pioneer leader, whose name the camp bears, in particular.

The four outstanding features of the camp program are:

1. An annual reunion and campfire meeting for all Sons of Pioneers in the 18th Ward and male descendants of Brigham Young.
2. An annual sunset service at the grave of Brigham Young, cooperating with the John Young Family Association.
3. An annual sunrise service at "This Is the Place" monument, commemorating the anniversary of the entrance of the Pioneer leaders into the Salt Lake Valley.
4. An annual service, in cooperation with the Mutual Improvement Associations, commemorating the anniversary of December 27, 1847, the date upon which Brigham Young became President of the Church.

Special committees have been assigned to each of these features and plans are already under way for each of them for the current year.

SALT LAKE COUNTY CAMP

Is now organized and meets every other Wednesday evening in the old office of Brigham Young, next door east of the Lion House.

Sons of Utah Pioneers, who have no regular camp, may join this camp.

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HIGHLAND PARK CAMP

LEROI C. SNOW, Captain

Highland Park Camp No. 16, has a number of projects under way, one of which is the making of a survey of 300 homes in the district to obtain early pictures or photos pertaining to Pioneer days together with all data obtainable in connection with same. A second project is the collecting of early original documents, letters and manuscripts. A third is the collecting of Pioneer relics of all kinds.

In connection with the latter project, they have found an old sword, the actual property of Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet Joseph, also an ink stand that was presented to President Snow in the old state capitol at Fillmore, and several other interesting remembrances of the early days.

It is the purpose when sufficient of these things have been collected to display same in the form of a "Hobby" exhibit in the Highland Park Chapel, whose bishop has kindly consented to devote a room to the purpose of exhibiting them.

Captain LeRoi Snow appreciates the Luncheon Club meetings on Tuesdays in the Lion House and always has a large representation of members from his camp and offers the suggestion that a real effort be made to have one official representative attend these luncheons from each of the local (Salt Lake County) camps and that they be given a message at these luncheons to take back to their camps. This would stimulate attendance

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at the luncheons and would undoubtedly increase an interest in the movement in each camp.

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The ground at the northeast corner of State and Broadway is again as dry and almost as barren as it was on Saturday morning, July 23, 1847, when the Mormon Pioneers — the first Anglo-Saxons to introduce irrigation in America — diverted City Creek and at that point flooded the ground preparatory to planting their first crops.

This experiment was the forerunner of our present irrigation system, which is now so vital to the prosperity of our state in which are now over a million acres of cultivated land.

Upon arrival of these rugged Mormon Pioneers and before tired teams were sufficiently rested, James Brown made the first attempt to plow a furrow but he broke his plow and it remained for William Carter to turn the first furrow in the newly dampened ground.

A few hours after the arrival of these few men, farming in the West had begun in earnest and by the end of the first week about 53 acres of land had been plowed and planted. Thirteen plows and three harrows had been used and as many broken and repaired.

In 1873, Ann Webb lived in a small house built on this spot. Later the famous Knutsford Hotel was erected on the corner. Auerbach Company occupied this place from 1912-1923 — the ground is again barren and dry.

None of us will ever again see this spot barren and dry. New, modern buildings will be erected where Western irrigation had its birth.

It is fitting that a program and pageant in commemoration of this important event be given on the very place where the first waters of irrigation quenched this thirsty soil.



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THOMAS GEORGE BROWN

By CAROL BROWN AUSTIN

One of the valued souvenirs of the olden days of Promontory is the handbill of T. G. Brown, advertising the Golden Spike Hotel and its famous 50-cent meals. This broadside, printed in the pre-dining car days of the railroad, was a person's introduction to Promontory.

Thomas George Brown lived in Corinne, Utah, with his parents when the community was a rough freighting center. Throughout his life he was known for his unusual ambition and uncanny business ability. Among his many friends was John W. Guthrie, one of Corinne's bankers, who lived across the street from the Brown's old home.

After Tom married Althea Burgess, he moved to Promontory where he worked on a large cattle ranch called the Bar-M. The ranch was managed by a Captain Bufford and later by Al Nelson. The house on the Bar-M had thirty-five rooms and was affectionately called the "Big

House." Promontory at this time had no water of its own, and twice each week the water train brought water from Corinne.

Within a short time, T. G. Brown opened a general merchandise store, a saloon, a restaurant which would feed one hundred people at a single sitting, and the "Golden Spike Hotel." He purchased over three thousand acres of Promontory land that was known for years the "Old Fort." He also served as sheriff, postmaster, school trustee, and operated the telegraph office. Tom was a very busy man in those days and loved every minute of it.

Indians traded buckskin gloves, beaded belts and mocassins for sheep pelts and other supplies at T. G. Brown's store. Whenever the Browns saw a group of Indians riding into Promontory to trade, they would rush to gather up all the vanilla extract, ginger, and anything else which contained alcohol. These were hid-

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Burton M. Oliver was born February 18, 1901, at Union, Salt Lake County, Utah. One of five sons and three daughters born to Ruel and Florence May Muir Oliver. His father was born in Holland and came to Utah at the age of four with his convert parents. His mother was born in Bountiful, Utah, to the third wife of Wm. S. Muir. Grandfather Muir accepted the gospel in Scotland, and arrived in Nauvoo April 18, 1844. He enlisted in the Mormon Battalion and served for the entire year. In addition to his farming enterprise he served three missions for the church. When grandfather Muir died November 27, 1896, he was survived by 21 children, 119 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren.

Burton's parents lived on a 43-acre farm which didn't provide enough income for the family, so his father worked an eight-hour shift every day at the Midvale Smelter. Water for the house and livestock had to be pumped from a well, and



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the only light was from a lamp and lantern until 1918. Besides elementary school at Union he graduated from Jordan High School in 1920.

Since his father was unable to operate the farm, and his older brother Willard rented other more productive land, it became necessary for Burton to take on this responsibility three months before high school graduation. This meant many hours of hard work after school and week-ends to prepare about 20 acres of the farm for grain and small crops, yet not one day of school was lost.

After a fairly good harvest at the end of the summer, his father took ill and within ten days passed away on September 20, leaving his mother and four children younger than Burton.

He had planned to attend college this year, but this couldn't be for the present, however, he did attend the Salt Lake Business College for three months in the winter studying accounting.

On July 28, 1921, while mowing hay a short distance from the farm and where several girls were swimming, he was called to come to rescue three girls who were in deep water. He was able to rescue only one, but one of the two who drowned was his nineteen-year-old sister.

In September, 1921, he entered the University of Utah to prepare for a teaching career. In order for him to get to school each day he had to ride a bicycle one mile and a street car fourteen miles.

Operating the farm and going to the University of Utah went on until June, 1926, when he received his Master's Degree in Education and Business. During his five years of college he stated that he had missed only two days of school. This was necessary in order to plant several acres of grain to precede a forthcoming rainstorm.

The farm was sold at the end of June, 1926, and the family moved to Salt Lake City where Burton started working for the S. H. Kress Company since there were no available teaching positions close to home.

His church activities during his college years consisted of two years in the MIA presidency and ward teaching for the entire period.

Not satisfied with the long hours in a retail store, he went to Berkeley to attend the 1927 Summer Session at the University of California to qualify for a teaching credential in California. During the summer he signed a contract to teach busi-

ness subjects at the Tulare High School. In July, 1928, he went back to Berkeley to try to get a teaching position in a larger city. Since no suitable positions were available, he took a temporary job for four months with the Butler Brothers Wholesale Company in San Francisco. The next 10 months were spent as assistant head bookkeeper at the Federal Land Bank in Berkeley.

In September, 1929, he started teaching business subjects and handling all the student body finances at the Venice High School. On May 28, 1930, he married Ellen D. Smith, a business teacher at Davis County High School. Since his teaching salary was not adequate, Ellen taught in the evening schools for three years. Then the depression hit Los Angeles and things were tough everywhere. During the next three years their daughter and son were born. Starting in September, 1936, Ellen returned to her teaching in the evening schools, and has been teaching every year since that time.

In August, 1943, Burton was appointed by the Board of Education to supervise the United States Saving Stamp and Bond Program for the Los Angeles City Schools. After the war he was assigned as the Head Supervisor of a new department to be known as the Thrift, Conservation and School Savings Section. At the present time there are four supervisors working with him to assist the 536 schools with this important program.

Burton's church activities have included six years on the Hollywood Stake Sunday School Board and in the Superintendency from 1933-39; Beverly Hills Ward clerk, 1940-44; member of Beverly Hills Ward Sunday School Superintendency, 1945-46;

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BOOK REVIEWS

By VIRGIL V. PETERSON

The Story of the Pony Express. Edited by Waddell F. Smith. Hesperian House, San Francisco. \$5.00.

Waddell F. Smith, a great-grandson of William Bradford Waddell, one of the founders of the Pony Express and a partner of the great transportation firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell, has brought together in this volume the best that has been written on the saga of the Pony Express.

Designated as the "Official 1960 Centennial Edition," it contains Glenn D. Bradley's *The Story of the Pony Express* and Raymond W. Settle's "The Pony Express: Heroic Effort — Tragic End." Bradley's book appeared in print about 50 years ago and it is still considered a classic on this great epic of communication between the middle West and the far West. Editor Smith has made a few minor changes in the narrative and has annotated it throughout adding some vital correlative information. Settle's contribution gives a very careful analysis of certain controversial phases of this great episode of American History. It aptly demonstrates the profound ability of the author in research and writing.

On April 3, 1860, the Pony Express was inaugurated, riders leaving Sacramento on the west and St. Joseph on the east simultaneously. The operation of this postal service was a supreme achievement. Fraught with frontier adversities, the route was run by men of stamina and courage who on employment were required to take an oath of fidelity. Inclement weather, rough terrain, trackless plains, and Indian depredations made this 1966-mile route most uninviting and dangerous. Yet in the 19 months of operation the mail went through almost invariably on a ten-day schedule, which was less than half the time required by other mail and express companies, which were subsidized by the government.

To those men of vision, Russell, Majors and Waddell, our country is indebted. This postal service which they established at their own expense and which contributed heavily to their firm's final state of insolvency served to weld the East and the West by providing the rapid communication of news when a great national

crisis was imminent. The service was displaced by completion of the telegraph lines October 20, 1861.

The format of this book is attractive. It contains a number of illustrations, part of which are in color. The end papers, drawn by Frederic Shaw, depict the Pony Express route. It is most fitting that this volume should now be available at a time when the Pony Express was re-run under the direction of the National Pony Express Centennial Association, of which President Dwight D. Eisenhower is honorary chairman. The book contains an appropriate Foreword by Dr. A. R. Mortensen, Director, Utah State Historical Society, and an Historical Note by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, who approved a special Pony Express commemorative stamp that was issued at Sacramento and a commemorative stamped envelope for issue at St. Joseph. Their release was timed with the re-run of the Pony Express beginning July 19th.

BROWN, From Page 11

den in the back room of the store until the Indians left.

An old ledger written by Thomas G. Brown still exists. Prices for meals served in the eating house were 25c, 35c, and 50c. The Golden Spike Hotel and restaurant employed two Chinese cooks and three waitresses. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Brown acted as host and hostess. Each day a message was sent from Corinne, reporting how many passengers would eat in Promontory, and the Browns prepared the meals in advance for them. The scheduled train stop of twenty minutes at Promontory necessitated this procedure. It was in this era that a frequent accusation was made that conductors and train crews conspired with dishonest restaurant owners to defraud passengers out of pre-paid meals. The meals, in many cases were reportedly never prepared or served because the trains left before the meals were placed upon the tables. However, this charge was never made against T. G. Brown, who was noted for his honesty and fair dealings.

The Browns remained in Promontory for several years. When the town started to decline, Tom moved his family back to Corinne where he operated a general merchandise store — T. G. Brown and Sons.

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La Brea Ward Teaching Supervisor, 1947-48; Member of Inglewood Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee, 1950-51; Member of the Santa Monica Stake High Council from 1951 to the present time.

His professional activities have included the following: Treasurer of the Venice High School Faculty, 1929-43, and President, from 1931-33; Treasurer of the Gamma Rho Tau Business Educators Fraternity, 1934-54, and President, 1954-55; Treasurer of the Los Angeles Business Teachers Association, 1937-38, and President, 1938-39; Treasurer of the Supervisors Association of the Los Angeles City School in 1955.

Auditor for the Los Angeles High School Teachers' Association, 1933-35; Student Employment Coordinator at the Venice High School, 1933-39; Chairman of Sugar Rationing for Venice Area in 1941; Faculty Thrift Chairman for the above school, 1939-43, and membership in community organizations include the Audubon Society, California Conservation Council, Conservation Education Association, Defenders of Wildlife, National Parks Association, Natural History Museum, Save the Redwoods League, and the Nature Conservancy.

He became a member of the California chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in 1951 and served as Treasurer from 1952-59, and President for 1960.

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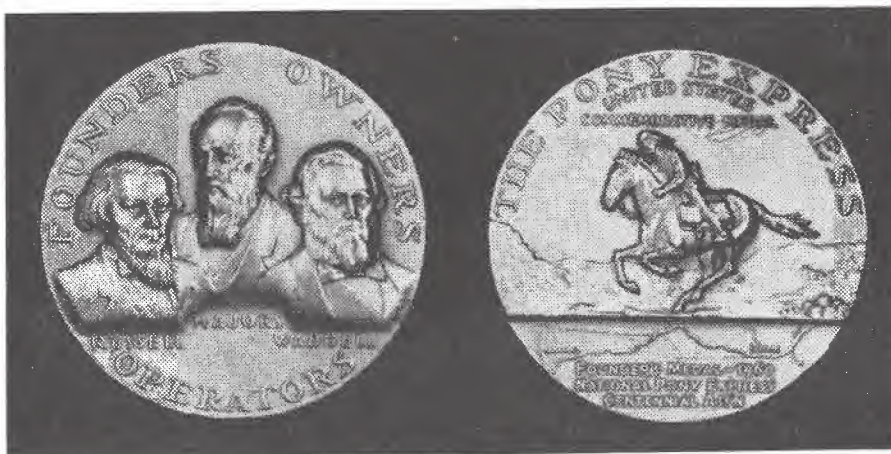
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Brief Sketch of Pioneer George Washington Taggart

(From "Voice of the Pioneers")

George Washington Taggart (first pioneer ancestor of Scott Taggart) was born November 6, 1816, in Sharon, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, the son of Washington and Susanna Law Taggart. He was baptized in Petersborough, N. H., in December, 1841 by Ely P. Maginn and moved to Nauvoo in June, 1843.

In February of 1846 he left Nauvoo in the company commanded by John Scott, which company overtook the main body of the church the following day. His diary mentions the severe weather they encountered as they moved westward over the prairie in March and that "the camp of Israel kept together as much as the nature of the case would permit."

With about thirty others he was sent out in search of work, "as the company was nearly out of food." They found work and after several weeks he entered in his diary: "We obtained a good supply of oxen and cows and provisions."

He rejoined the larger body of Saints at Mt. Pisgah in June, where he planted a garden, hoping that his wife and child, who had been left in Nauvoo, might benefit from it when they came later. He was at Mt. Pisgah when Pres. Young and others came to the camp and urged the men to volunteer for service in what came to be known as the Mormon Battalion. Though not in good health and much worried concerning his wife and child, he followed their counsel and enlisted. His diary describing the westward march of the Battalion makes interesting reading. After being mustered out and coming to Salt Lake he continued on to meet his

family in the fall of 1847, remaining in Iowa until 1852 when they came on to Salt Lake, reaching the valley in October.

He was a carpenter and millwright and assisted in building the first grist mills that were erected in the Salt Lake Valley, including the one still standing in Liberty Park. An interesting entry in his wife's diary reads: "When we landed in Salt Lake my husband went to Pres. Young for counsel as to what he best do. He set him to work for him on a grist mill. He gave us a house to live in, but we had no stove, bed, table or chairs and the roof leaked . . . Thus we lived for a year. They were anxious to complete mill for the convenience of the people." He built and operated the first mill in Morgan County.

He married Fanny Parks after the death of his first wife, Harriet Atkins Bruce, and subsequently married Clarissa M. Rogers. He was an active churchman, holding a number of positions in the quorum of the Priesthood and auxiliary organizations. He died June 3, 1893, the progenitor of sixteen children and a hundred and sixteen grandchildren.

(Scott Taggart served as president of The Sons of Utah Pioneers Luncheon Club from 1956 to 1957.)

MASSACRE, From Page 6

the fight, employing those tactics which would tell most heavily on their opponents with a minimum of loss to themselves.

The three fortunate enough to escape the massacre by crawling away to the hills at night. One man and two women made their way eastward, through Black Pine Valley and finally over Promontory into lower Blue Creek Valley and then Bear River Valley. They made their way to a herd house south of Penrose, or west of Corinne, where they found help. This house was owned by George Reeder and George Parsons. They stayed there until they were discovered, then they were taken across Bear River to the home of Alvin Nichols, where they stayed for sometime. A party was organized which went out to the scene and buried the dead.

Mr. Peters was out that way in 1883 regarding school matters. Mr. Durfee took him to the scene of the conflict and told him of how he and Sheldon Cutler and Ezra Barnard found the spot and buried the dead.

James Bywater in his life's story writes, "The two most prominent Indians in the perpetration of that awful butchery were Pocatello and White Beard, two most notorious cut-throats and self-styled chiefs.

"Pocatello came to Box Elder Creek (now Brigham City) with several white men's scalps hanging from his waist, and in his possession lots of gold coin. The squaws had white women's clothing on. We were powerless to do anything in the matter."

I. E. Riddle, Cedar City, Tells Of Interesting Chapter Trek

Dear Brother Woolley:

Our president, Austin Heywood, asked me to give you a little rundown on our trek that took place over the Labor Day weekend.

It was a three-day trek with 12 cars and 40 Sons and their wives, leaving Cedar City Saturday, Sept. 3rd. They went thence to Escalante, where they visited with a member of long standing, and guide to the Hole in the Rock treks, Randall Lyman. From there they went to Boulder, where they had lunch, thence to Hanksville, where they camped for the night. A very enjoyable time was had at this camp, singing songs, in a fine social. Next day took them to Hite, where they were ferried, two cars at a time across the Colorado River. From here they went to Monticello, Blanding and Moab, and en route saw the uranium mines and many points of interest. Also during Sunday, they visited the Arches National Monument, and on foot trails explored this wonderful place.

They also visited Dead Horse Point, Monument Valley, saw the Mexican Hat, the Goosenecks and many points of interest, and Monday, Labor Day, they divided and some returned home via Price, Castle Dale, Emery and Salina Canyon, and the balance of the group returned the same route they had gone out. In all, a wonderful time was had and everyone said the trip and trek was well worth the effort, time and expense.

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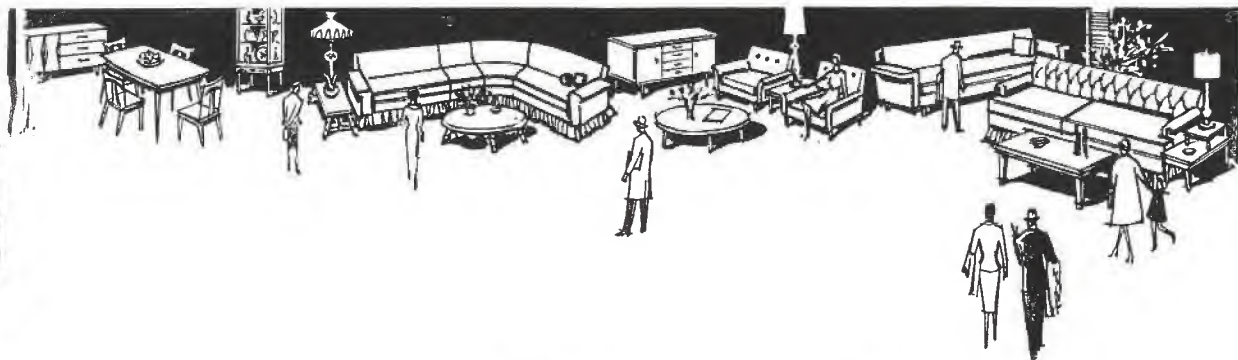
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